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1. On 3 and 7 August 1952, two shipments of 35 to 40 new trucks each arrived in Lieberose (N 52/ A 49) from Frankfurt/Oder. During the period from 3 to 5 August, exercises involving several hundred troops were conducted in the Lieberose-Jamlitz area. The troops launched a practice attack toward Jamlitz with infantry arms. No tanks or artillery support were used.

2. On 5 August, about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying luggage and small arms arrived in Rathenow (N 53/2 15). They were quartered in the Infanterie Kaserne, Pionier Kaserne and Kraftfahrer Kaserne. According to employees in the barracks installations, the soldiers had come from Altengrabow. It was rumored that most of the troops would return from Altengrabow at the end of August or the beginning of September. (1) On 6 August, about 60 soldiers were engaged in a practice on Semlinersee (lake). Three pontoons were placed in the water. Five trucks                      stood on the shore. (2)

3.                      a mortar unit of 250 to 300 troops commanded by Senior Lieutenant Valamanov (fnu) was stationed in the cantonment near Premnitz. At the time of observation, only about 70 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were in the cantonment. The unit belongs to the Rathenow military post and received supplies from there.                     

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4. The following shipments were unloaded at the Prenzlau (N 54/Q 14) railroad station:

12 and 14 August. 29 JS-2 tanks and Soviet escort personnel. The tanks were driven to the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse.

15 and 16 August. 24 JS-2 tanks and 11 T-34 tanks and Soviet and Volkspolizei escort personnel. The tanks which appeared to be factory new                      moved to the barracks installation on the south-east side of Berliner Strasse.

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15 August. 65 x 76.2-mm artillery pieces and Volkspolizei as escort personnel. The guns were moved to the Fliegerhorst. (1)

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(1) On 5 August, soldiers of the 6th Arty Div, who were probably due for discharge, arrived in Lathenow. 50X1-HUM

(4) [redacted] 11 tanks were shipped to Prenzlau from the U.S.S.R. via Frankfurt/Oder on 11 August, and 24 tanks on 14 August. [redacted]

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Prenzlau. Another source reported that about 45 tanks [redacted] were in the two above mentioned barracks installations from 13 to 15 August, at the same time, [redacted] was observed there, it was assumed that, possibly, elements of this army were temporarily stationed in Prenzlau. [redacted]

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[redacted] Various VP units are quartered in the Blagorhorst, Prenzlau. It is possible that the AT guns are part of new AT gun shipments from the U.S.S.R. to Fuerstenwalde on 9 August. [redacted]

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